

alone. These are children whose families have incomes that are too high to qualify for Medicaid, but who do not receive health insurance through their employment and can't afford it on their own. SCHIP is based on a simple premise: Insuring kids is the right thing to do. And it's much cheaper to insure a child, who is relatively healthy, than an adult or a senior citizen. The experience of the 10 years since SCHIP was originally created proves the wisdom of providing health insurance for children.

In addition to reauthorizing the program, this bill improves SCHIP by creating new incentives to seek out millions of children around the nation who are eligible but not enrolled. It includes a group of seven best practices, developed and implemented in states, that should be followed to get kids into the program and keep them there. That's the right approach. In the past, I've called for a simplified enrollment system so that families applying for a range of means-tested benefits, such as subsidized school lunches, can automatically apply for SCHIP. We accomplish that with this bill, and it will mean that more kids who are eligible will get enrolled and stay enrolled for a benefit that they are entitled.

The Committee on the Budget has certified that this legislation complies with the PAYGO rules we set earlier this year to ensure fiscal discipline. It pays for these important reforms to children's health and Medicare by an increase in the tax on cigarettes a provision that I hope will help discourage youth smoking. And it cuts back on subsidies to privately run Medicare plans. Contrary to the statements of the minority, we are not cutting one dime from Medicare. In fact, this bill today will extend the lifespan of the Medicare Trust Fund.

A vote for this bill is a vote for an America that takes care of its children. In the richest Nation in the history of the world, it is simply wrong that millions of children, our most vulnerable citizens, go without basic access to health care. With a "yes" vote, five million more children will enjoy the benefits of a healthy future and a real chance in life. I urge a "yes" vote.

#### TRIBUTE TO DEKALB COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2007*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, many community organizations are called to aid in sustaining a healthy lifestyle for all citizens.

Under the leadership and guidance of the Dekalb Community Service Board, thousands have been assisted with treatment and support for Mental Health, Development Disabilities and Addiction Services.

The Dekalb Community Service Board has demonstrated the will and desire to aid citizens in need since 1994 and continues today to be a beacon of light to our country.

Our beloved county and community benefit from the fruits of the labor that the Dekalb Service Board members and staff have invested.

This unique board has given of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to preserve in-

tegrity, uplift their fellow citizens and make this a better place.

The community service board has created an Annual Walk of Heroes to allow everyone to come out in support of the work of the Service Board.

I was pleased to proclaim July 21, 2007 as Dekalb Community Service Board Foundation Day in the 4th Congressional District.

#### TRIBUTE TO APPLEWOOD PLUMBING, HEATING, AND ELECTRIC

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2007*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Applewood Plumbing, Heating, and Electric for being the recipient of the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award.

Applewood Plumbing, Heating, and Electric has adhered to high standards of business ethics for over 35 years and employs ethical behavior as a philosophy in daily business.

Owner John Ward is the principal source behind this philosophy and serves as the role model for over 40 employees. To maintain the high code of ethics at Applewood Plumbing, Heating, and Electric the company has weekly customer service sessions that address the best way to resolve issues that may arise in addition to trainings specifically devoted to ethics. As a result of these training sessions, the company has received zero complaints from customers regarding customer service.

Applewood Plumbing, Heating, and Electric is listed as one of the top 10 service companies in the Nation with a spotless record with the Better Business Bureau. This is due to their dedication to high ethical standards.

The Applewood Plumbing, Heating, and Electric model for outstanding ethics in business is an example for all business in America to emulate. I once again congratulate Applewood Plumbing, Heating, and Electric for their receipt of this award and encourage them to keep doing "the right thing."

#### CONDEMNING THE ATTACK ON THE AMIA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, IN JULY 1994

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 30, 2007*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, in 1994, a terrorist bomb destroyed the headquarters of the Argentine Jewish Mutual Association, known by its Spanish acronym, AMIA, killing 85 people and wounding 200. To this day, the attack on the AMIA remains the deadliest anti-Semitic incident since World War II, and as of yet, the perpetrators of this act have not been brought to justice.

I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 188, which not only condemns this heinous attack, but also applauds the Government of Argentina for speeding the pace of this investigation and calls on other responsible nations to support Argentina in its efforts to finally bring this case to a close.

Substantial evidence attributes the attack on July 18, 1994, to the terrorist group Hezbollah, based in Lebanon and sponsored by Iran. Evidence indicates that the tri-border region where Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil meet was used to channel resources for the purpose of carrying out the AMIA attack by terrorists linked with Iran. Regrettably, the scheming of international terrorist organizations, such as Hezbollah and al-Qaeda, are not confined to the tri-border region. In fact, much of the Western Hemisphere is ideal for international terrorist groups to establish bases due to the ill equipped and poorly trained security agencies across the region.

Almost daily, we hear reports of terrorist threats from organizations including Hezbollah and al-Qaeda. It is more important than ever to vigorously pursue and prosecute these criminals at every given opportunity. Unfortunately, while the AMIA case has been officially under investigation for over 13 years, the responsible parties have not yet been apprehended. Massive judicial and investigative irregularities, destruction of evidence, and cover-ups have already distorted the long-delayed trial. Make no mistake about it, failure to duly punish the culprits of the AMIA attack serves to reward terrorists and help spread terrorism.

I strongly applaud the recent efforts by the Government of Argentina to fulfill its international obligations and its promise to the Argentine people by aggressively pursuing the local and international connections to this act of terrorism, wherever they may lead, and to properly punish all those who are involved. However, if the last few years have taught us anything, it is that no nation can effectively combat terrorism on its own. While it is up to the Argentine government to conduct a thorough investigation, it is also the responsibility of the international community to cooperate fully in this effort.

Argentina owes it to itself, its people, and the human family to conduct an intense, fearless, and comprehensive investigation that will lead to the identification and prosecution of the principal criminals. We in the international community owe it to Argentina to cooperate with its efforts to bring this dark chapter of its history to a close.

H. Con. Res. 188 is not only a much needed reminder of this tragic event, but it is also a reminder of the truly international scope of the war on terror.

#### TRIBUTE TO BISHOP EDDIE L. LONG

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2007*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service.

Bishop Eddie L. Long has given of himself since August of 1987 to lead New Birth Missionary Baptist Church.

Bishop Eddie L. Long, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained New Birth Missionary Baptist Church as an instrument in our community that betters the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens.